### IN THE WITTED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hideaki TANAKA

Attn: Box Missing Parts

Application No.: 10/073,409

Filed:

February 13, 2002

Docket No.:

111867

For:

TIRE VULCANIZING MOLD

### RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS WITH DECLARATION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (copy attached) mailed on March 7, 2002, submitted herewith is the executed Declaration of the inventor. Any specification attached to and referenced in the Declaration is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the Office in order to obtain a filing date for the application.

Attached is our Check No. 130388 for \$\infty\$\$130.00 \$\infty\$\$65.00 (entitlement to small entity status is asserted) for the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e).

Also attached with the Letter to the Official Draftsperson are substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84.

Entry of these documents should complete all of the filing formalities and fully satisfy all requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts. Accordingly, examination and allowance of this application in due course are respectfully solicited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON**

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Sir:

Please substitute the attached <u>15</u> sheets of formal drawings depicting Figures <u>1-16b</u> for the corresponding drawings filed with the application.

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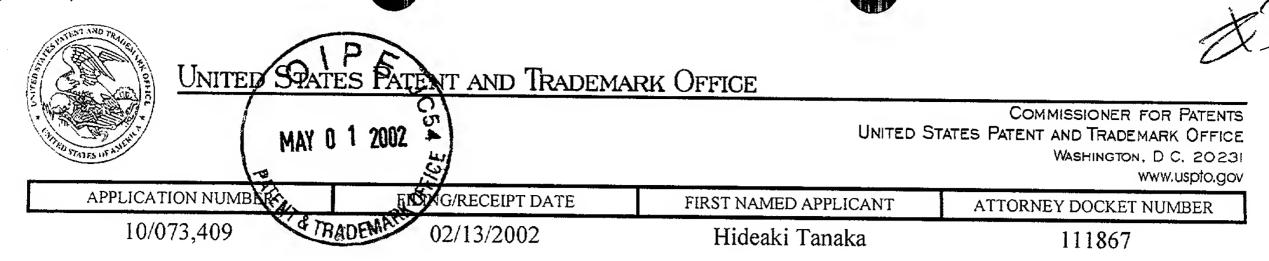
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# NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

#### Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
   A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - more than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1));

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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